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Art Unit: 1734

For: FLUID APPLICATION DEVICE

Examiner: Y. T. TADESCSE

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated April 26, 2006, enclosed are comments on reasons for allowance.

Application No. 10/727,501  
Comments dated June 21,2006  
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**REMARKS**

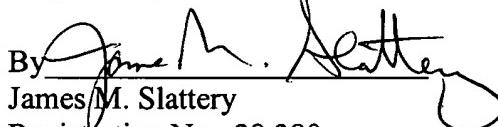
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-5 and 7-20. However, because the reasons for allowance do not correspond word for word with the allowed claims, the reasons for allowance should not be in any way construed to limit the scope of the protection offered by the allowed claims.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau (Registration No. 42,325) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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